

months. The Lord is with us." We rejoice in the success which accompanies his ministry.

In reporting a funeral service, some one sighted sister Clara Flora's name to the notice, and in the report used the term Rev. Clara Flora and so signed the report. She asks us to state that she never speaks of herself in that way nor signs her name with that title.

A few weeks ago we published, under young people's department, "Bible Arithmetic" promising to publish the name of any one who gives correct answers to the several questions. Brother J. W. Smouse, Johnstown, Pa., and Sister Myers, Nevada, Mo., have thus far sent answers. Correct answers will be announced.

Brother W. A. Welty can certainly feel proud of the record made by the Sunday schools under his care on missionary day, June 19. Bethesda school raised \$3.50 and Bryan \$2.00, making a total of \$5.50. Brother Welty preaches and talks missions, EVANGELIST, publishing house, college, and all the other interests of the church. And he is succeeding too.

At the Maryland and Virginia Conference brother J. C. Mackey, A. M., Ph. D., delivered an address on some educational subject. The President of Kee Mar College for Women, Rev. Dr. C. L. Keedy, Hagerstown, Md., heard the address, and has now invited Brother Mackey to deliver a series of four lectures at said college this fall. We congratulate Brother Mackey upon this recognition of his ability.

Brother L. S. Bauman reports one more accession at Mexico, and five more accessions at his regular appointment, June 26, at Roann, four of them heads of families. This makes a total of 101 confessions since the beginning of his year's work at Roann, October 1, 1897, all in three churches, McLouth, Kan., Mexico and Roann, Ind. Eighty-eight of these were by baptism. This certainly shows earnest work.

We are pleased to announce that brother J. H. Hall will conduct the song service at our national conference. He is one of the authors of a number of class and Sunday school song books, the combined sale of which is over one million copies. He offers his services to the people of any community needing a genuine revival in music, tho he prefers to work in connection with the church as his aim is to help the music of the sanctuary and build up the walls of Zion.

Notes and Comments

Good Counsel.—Bishop J. H. Vincent who knows just how to say the right thing at the right time, recently gave this advice to a class of young candidates for the ministry. It is good counsel, and it will be well for others to accept and profit by it. He said:

Above everything else try to develop a genuine Christian character in yourself, and then in others. Be happy, if you care for that; but care most of all to be holy, to be full of good will, to be clean of speech and honest in conduct. Avoid debt-making, and do not promise to pay and then break your promise. A holy man pays his debts. That is not the principal thing in a holy life, but it is an important element.

Seeing the Gospel.—The gospel may both be heard and seen. It is *heard* on Sunday from the lips of the minister and the Sunday-school teacher. It is heard at the prayer-meeting service and in experience meetings, but it is *seen* or *not* seen during the week in the lives of those who sing, preach, teach and tell it on Sunday. "Have you ever heard the gospel before?" a Chinaman was asked, who had come into a mission room for the first time. "No," he replied, "but I have seen it. I know a man who used to be the terror of this neighborhood. If you gave him a hard word, he would shout at you, and

curse you for two days and nights without ceasing. He was as dangerous as a wild beast, and a hard opium smoker; but when the religion of Jesus took hold of him he became wholly changed. He is gentle, moral and left off opium. Truly the teaching is good." Of the Christians at Antioch, it is said, "when they *saw* the grace of God." Yes, when grace fills the heart the world will *see* it, and not only hear of it. Blessed is that man whose religion can be *seen* as well as *heard*.

Effectual Preaching.—Truer words were never spoken or written than these by Mr. Gowen:

We may preach Christ by our lives. Every true Christian is a copy of Christ. The only Bible that many people ever read is the life of a Christian. If Christ lives in our hearts, we cannot help preaching him in our lives. Every Christian grace has a voice; every Christian virtue has a tongue; every Christian action has a language. All glorify their author, even Jesus Christ. Many a soul that the sermon skipped has been saved by the silent speech of a saintly life.

Comprehensive Theology.—Many and large volumes have been written on the subject of Christian Theology. Indeed, when one takes a survey of all the literature extant on this subject, the conflicting views, much of it couched in metaphysical phrases, clouding, rather than enlightening the mind, the tendency is to confuse one, and to lead him away from the source of all true theology, the Bible. It might be well to get back to first principles, the simple gospel of Jesus. After teaching theology forty years, the elder Alexander said, "The longer I live, the more I incline to sum up all my theology in the single sentence, 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.' That tells the whole story. It declares man a sinner and announces Christ as our Savior from sin."

Too Prosperous.—May it not be that the church, instead of being too poor to give more largely and generously, is too rich and prosperous? Have you ever thought of that, brother? It is worth while at least to consider seriously the following from the *Churchman*:

The Church was never more powerful or effective as a missionary agency than when she had not a foot of ground which she could call her own, and her only place of worship was an upper room at Jerusalem. Would it not be well just at this season to get back to first principles and pray that nothing may stay the power of the Holy Ghost?

The Everlasting Arms

The night was calm and cloudless. The moon, just at its full, shone out from a sky of intense blue flooding the earth in silvery light. The stars, in their golden brightness, sang "the Hand that made us is divine," and made more wonderful and mysterious the heavens which gladdened our eyes. The air was bracing and altogether the night was one that made the heart more glad and the soul more hopeful.

We were on our way to a lecture room. As we neared the business places the din of the buyers and sellers reached our ears. A steady stream of people crowded us on the sidewalk. The seemingly eager throng pressed the business houses where hundreds of dollars exchanged owners.

We hastened on in the shadow of the stone buildings which towered above us. Suddenly a strain of sweetest music came forth from an upper room of a massive building. We paused in the midst of the busy throng to

listen to the music and received a lasting blessing. Slowly, but sweetly, the music deepened and male voices filled the air with inspiring song:

"Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!"

When the men left the hall we found that they were a company of patriots many of whom wore the faded badge of the Grand Army of the Republic. How beautiful the thought! "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." These members of the G. A. R. had, in our Civil War, been carried thro the thickest of the fray by the Everlasting Arms. Are not, we asked ourselves, those Arms yet underneath all and supporting all? Will they not bear us safely and triumphantly thro the perils of a war for humanity? Instinctively we turned our eyes toward the heavens whose solemn splendor reassured us that the Everlasting Arms are underneath and that the eternal God is in deed and in truth our refuge.

EMMA BEATRICE GNAGEY.

The peace which God gives his trustful child cannot well be described, but may be seen in the tranquil, happy Christian life of him who does God's bidding, and trusts him for results.

The miracles manifest the might of our Master. Be brave, be strong, O believer, for "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" today even as he reigned nineteen hundred years ago.

ASHLAND COLLEGE,

ASHLAND, OHIO

Ashland College will open her doors for the reception of students on Tuesday, September 6, 1898.

We offer liberal Courses of Study in the Normal, Academic, Collegiate, and Theological departments. Instruction in Music, Stenography and Typewriting will be given by competent teachers.

Emphasis is laid upon the importance of a thorough preparation for entrance to the College. Now is the best time to prepare for the future.

The students will be under the care and instruction of well trained and experienced teachers. Your teachers will take *personal* interest in you.

The College grounds were never more attractive and the buildings are commodious and well-arranged. Our location is the most healthful and delightful.

The College is thoroughly *Christian*. It aims to adorn the mind rather than the body.

Expenses are very moderate.

For full particulars and for descriptive circulars write at once. We will cheerfully answer all inquiries.

Address,

J. ALLEN MILLER,
Ashland, Ohio